

**Introduced by Senator Lowenthal**

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Senate Resolution No. 15—Relative to Financial Aid Awareness Month.

- 1 WHEREAS, It is clear that education is the key to better careers  
2 and a better quality of life for every Californian; and  
3 WHEREAS, In this economy, higher education is increasingly  
4 important in preparing students for the careers of the future and  
5 particularly for retraining those who are currently unemployed or  
6 underemployed; and  
7 WHEREAS, Financial aid, including fee waivers, grants,  
8 scholarships, and loans, is available year round at all 112 California  
9 community colleges; and  
10 WHEREAS, Financial aid often plays a critical role in student  
11 success by helping pay for fees, books, supplies, and other  
12 college-related expenses that some Californians may not be aware  
13 of; and  
14 WHEREAS, Federal financial aid stimulates California's  
15 economy with billions of dollars each year when students spend  
16 it on college-related expenses; and  
17 WHEREAS, Even today, in a challenging economic time, there  
18 is financial aid available for community college students of all  
19 ages; and  
20 WHEREAS, One-on-one help is available from financial aid  
21 experts at every California community college campus to identify  
22 the types of aid appropriate for each student and to help students  
23 complete the applications; and  
24 WHEREAS, April has been deemed California Community  
25 Colleges Financial Aid Awareness Month; and

1 WHEREAS, The California's community colleges are dedicated  
2 to helping Californians get the information and resources they  
3 need to apply for financial aid; and

4 WHEREAS, The California Community Colleges has created a  
5 Web site, [www.icanaffordcollege.com](http://www.icanaffordcollege.com), for students throughout  
6 the state to easily get started with the financial aid process, get  
7 information about free financial aid workshops, and get connected  
8 to local financial aid experts for assistance; now, therefore, be it

9 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California*, That  
10 Californians be reminded of this important designation of April  
11 as California Community Colleges Financial Aid Awareness Month  
12 and the high-quality affordable education available at California's  
13 community colleges; and be it further

14 *Resolved*, That community college students from everywhere  
15 in our state are encouraged to apply now and year-round for  
16 financial aid; and be it further

17 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
18 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.